

Update Regarding Wyoming State HAVA Plan **January 2005 - Progress Report**

The State of Wyoming continues to proceed toward implementation of HAVA. Information is provided regarding a number of state implementation issues.

Computerized, statewide voter registration list. As discussed in the August 2004 Update, Wyoming with the assistance of a voter registration work group, which consisted of county clerks, county election officials, technology staff and Secretary of State staff, chose a vendor in fall 2003 and began implementation of a computerized, statewide voter registration and election management system in February 2004. The project is well underway. The vendor, Accenture e-Democracy Services completed the on-site technical survey of all 23 counties. Designs for interfacing with the Department of Transportation, Division of Vital Records, Division of Criminal Investigation and the Board of Parole are nearing completion. The design and programming for conversion of county voter registration and election management information is nearly complete. Purchasing and configuration of hosting site equipment is underway. Upon completion and configuration of the software package, intensive testing of the product will begin and roll out schedules will be finalized. The voter registration workgroup and Secretary of State's Office continues to work in partnership on this project.

Payments. Wyoming has received no further funding since the August 2004 Update, so receipts thus far are approximately \$16.5 million in federal funds and \$750,000 in state matching funds.

Voting Systems. Wyoming is starting the process of determining its course regarding voting systems. Once again the Secretary of State is proceeding in partnership with the Wyoming County Clerks Association. In addition, a Public Overview Committee has been established by the Secretary of State to provide public input and public transparency to the equipment and voting system selection process. The Public Overview Committee has representation from the League of Women Voters, the media, County Commissioners Association, major political parties, senior citizens, the military, Protection and Advocacy Services, Inc.

Additional aspects of Wyoming's HAVA progress. As reported in the August 2004 Update, Wyoming initially received \$100,000 Health and Human Services, Election Assistance for Individuals with Disabilities (HHS-EAID) funds. All of the projects funded with those funds are complete. The state has been approved for another allotment of \$100,000. Applications for those funds will be available soon and projects funded with "Round 2" monies are anticipated to be underway by spring, completed by summer '05.

In addition to the HAVA related legislation passed during the Wyoming Legislative Session 2004, there are two bills currently before the Wyoming Legislature: SF 70 Election Code Amendments, which contains some HAVA related language; and SF 80 Help America Vote Trust Fund. The 2005 Legislative Session will end on or about March 3, 2005.